

**Title:** Need to harness the non-conventional energy sources of Sunderbans in West Bengal.-Laid.

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL (JOYNAGAR): The area, in and around Sunderbans home to the world's largest mangroove swamp and the Royal Bengal tiger is fast emerging as a show-piece of the success that could be achieved by harnessing non-conventional energy sources. The people of the Sagar Island and the Gosaba Island have already been benefitted by renewable energy sources.

I wonder the Government has at this stage carried on surveys in the area for assessing the potential for power generation from non-conventional energy sources such as wind power (54,000 MW) tidal waves (79,000 MW), mini hydel (10,000 MW), bio-mass (35,000 MW) and bio-gas (1 lakh MW).

I would suggest, through you, Sir, that the present emphasis on big projects was not correct in view of the low capacity utilisation and time cost overruns. I would suggest that the Government should immediately take up the task of processing the potential of Sunderbans energy source.